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IN THE SPECIFICATION.

Prior to the first paragraph, please insert the following line:

-- This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/869,844, filed June 5, 1997, which is a reissue of U.S. Application No. 08/152,687, filed November 16, 1993 (U.S. Patent No. 5,422,524), which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 07/203,972, filed June 8, 1988., all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.--

✓IN THE CLAIMS

✓Please cancel claims 5 and 7-26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An alternator for vehicles comprising a rotary shaft of a rotor which is [rotably] rotatably supported by a pair of ball bearings, each comprising a fixed ring and a rotary ring, on a frame having a stator, and a drive pulley which is mounted on one end of the rotary shaft projecting outward from the frame, the fixed ring having a raceway, wherein the alternator comprises at least the bearing directed toward the pulley comprising a fixed ring comprising a bearing steel containing up to about 10% of residual austenite at a radial depth of 0.1 mm from the raceway of the ring, whereby the rolling fatigue life is improved by preventing occurrence of partial structural changes or minute cracks immediately under the raceway of the fixed ring caused by vibration or impact.